

to the inhabitants of the County, a full and detailed statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Municipality during the past year; the different sources of revenue, and the amount received from each; the several appropriations, and the objects thereof, and the amount expended under each; together with the amounts of all assessments ordered and made, the purpose thereof, the amounts received, and the application thereof: such Account shall be signed by the Warden and Auditor of the County.

86. The Secretary-Treasurer shall enter in a book the proceedings, bye laws, rules and regulations of the Council, and receive for the Council from all persons having charge thereof, all money, property, books, documents, plans, maps, manuscripts and bonds pertaining to the County, or any Parish thereof, enforce obedience to the provisions of this Act, and to the rules and regulations of the Council; and shall also keep on file all papers and documents in which any action has been taken by the Council: The Warden or Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer shall sign the book so kept as aforesaid; and an extract therefrom, certified by the Secretary-Treasurer to be a true copy thereof, or extract therefrom, shall be admissible in evidence in all Courts to prove the contents of such book.

87. When on the trial of any suit or complaint in any Court it shall be necessary to prove the appointment of any Parish or County officer, a certificate under the hand of the Secretary-Treasurer for the time being, and sealed with the Seal of the Municipality, stating the appointment and the time and manner thereof, of any such Parish or County officer, shall be sufficient proof of the appointment of such officer; and if any such certificate purport to be signed and sealed as aforesaid, the same shall be admitted in evidence without any proof of the Seal or of the signature of the Secretary-Treasurer, or of the official character of such Secretary-Treasurer.

88. If any Secretary-Treasurer shall wilfully give a false certificate of any appointment as aforesaid, he shall on conviction be subject to a penalty not exceeding eighty dollars, which may be sued for by any person aggrieved.

89. All persons acting as Parish or County officers shall be deemed to have taken the oath of office, except in proceedings against them for neglecting to take such oath.

90. All Councillors or County and Parish officers having charge of any money, property, books, documents, plans, maps, manuscripts, or records of any kind pertaining to any Parish within the Municipality, shall deliver up the same on demand to the Secretary-Treasurer, under the penalty not exceeding fifty dollars for each offence.

91. The Overseers of the Poor for the several Parishes, unless otherwise directed, shall on or before the first Tuesday in December in each and every year, make returns in writing under oath to the Secretary-Treasurer, containing a detailed Account of all moneys placed in their hands, or in the hands of any of them, for the support of the poor, or otherwise, in their capacity of Overseers of the Poor, and of the expenditure or other disposition of the same, accompanied by vouchers for the sums expended or disposed of, under a penalty against such Overseers of the Poor as may neglect the duty hereby imposed, of a sum not exceeding forty dollars for every breach of duty, to be recovered before any Justice of the Peace of the County, with costs, in the name of the Secretary-Treasurer, and such penalty, when recovered,

shall be paid over to the Secretary-Treasurer for the use of the County.

92. Every County or Parish officer, whether in office at the time the requisition is made or not, shall when required by the County Council, render full, true and detailed Accounts of all moneys received and paid by him under the orders of the Council, or by the authority of any Act of Assembly, or otherwise by virtue of his office, and shall in like manner, whenever ordered, pay over any sum or sums of money which by such Accounts shall appear to be due by such officer, and to have come to his hands as such officer as aforesaid, to such person or persons as the Council in such order may appoint to receive the same; and in case of disobedience of any such order, or of any other order of the Council lawfully made, or if the same shall not be attended to within ten days after the service of such order, it shall and may be lawful for any Council to cause such disobedient or refractory officer, by Warrant (E), to be brought before the Council, and if such disobedience or improper conduct be persisted in, then or at any time afterwards, to commit such officer to the common gaol without bail, until such order or orders of the Council shall be complied with; and such proceedings of the Council against the said officer shall not in any case relieve his sureties from liability on any bonds entered into by them.

93. If any Warrant be issued under the provisions of the preceding Section, it shall be lawful for the person executing such Warrant, in case the officer against whom the Warrant is issued cannot be brought before the Council by reason of their adjournment, or in consequence of their not being in session at the time of the execution of such Warrant, to take such officer before any Justice of the Peace resident in the County, and such officer shall thereupon enter into a recognizance before such Justice, with two sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of such Justice, and in such amount as the said Justice shall determine, not less than four nor more than eight hundred dollars, to appear at the meeting of the Council for such County next ensuing the date of such recognizance, and abide the order of such Council; and in default of such recognizance being given, the said Justice shall commit such officer to the County gaol, there to remain until the Sittings of the Council for the said County next ensuing such commitment, unless the recognizance hereinbefore provided shall be sooner given; and such Council may then deal with such officer as directed in the preceding Section.

94. Upon any person being brought before the Council by virtue of a Warrant issued under the provisions hereof, the Council may, instead of committing such person to gaol at any time pending an examination or investigation they may see fit to make, take from him a recognizance with two sufficient sureties, in such sum, not exceeding eight hundred dollars, as the said Council shall determine, to appear at the said meeting of the Council, or any other meeting of the Council to be named, and abide the order of such Council.

95. If the Council shall make an order for the payment by any officer of any sum or sums of money found to have been unlawfully applied or retained by him, (which order the Council is hereby empowered to make,) and such order be not complied with, the Council may, instead of committing such person to gaol, make the order (F), which order the Sheriff or Constable shall execute according to the exigencies thereof.